CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. An embossing apparatus, comprising:

a first embossing element having a first design of a first size and a first interconnection element; and

a second embossing element having a second design of a second larger size, said second design being substantially similar to said first design, and a second interconnection element, wherein the first interconnection element engages the second interconnection element so that said first and second interconnection elements interconnect said first embossing element to said second embossing element to align said first design of said first embossing element relative to said first design of said second embossing element.

2. The embossing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first and second embossing elements each comprise a flat sheet of material.

3. The embossing apparatus of claim 2, wherein said first and second embossing elements are comprised of an at least partially transparent material.

4. The embossing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first interconnection element comprises at least one tab integrally formed with said first element and said second interconnection element comprises an aperture formed in said second interconnection element, said at least one tab being inserted through said aperture.

5. The embossing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first and second interconnection elements comprise a mechanical fastener for adjoining said first and second embossing elements.

6. The embossing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first and second embossing elements are generally round in configuration and said first and second interconnection elements are located proximate the centers of said first and second embossing elements.

7. The embossing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first and second embossing elements are generally rectangular in configuration and said first and second

interconnection elements are located proximate at least one corner of said first and second embossing elements.

8. An embossing apparatus, comprising:

a first embossing member defining at least one first embossing design therein and including at least one coupling element integrally formed therewith; and

a second embossing member defining at least one second embossing design and further defining at least one aperture for receiving said at least one coupling element therein and for retaining said at least one coupling element thereto.

9. The embossing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said at least one coupling element comprises a plurality of tabs integrally formed with said first embossing member, said plurality of tabs inserted through said aperture for engaging therewith and coupling the first embossing element to the second embossing element.

10. The embossing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said first and second embossing elements are comprised of flat sheets of material.

11. The embossing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said first and second embossing elements are circular in shape and wherein said at least one coupling element is located proximate the center of said first embossing element.

12. The embossing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said at least one coupling element comprises a plurality of coupling elements that can each independently couple said first embossing element to said second embossing element.

13. The embossing apparatus of claim 8, wherein said first and second embossing elements are comprised of an at least partially transparent material.

14. The embossing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one first embossing design is smaller in size than said at least one second embossing design.

15. An embossing apparatus, comprising:

a first embossing member defining at least one first embossing design therein; and

a second embossing member defining at least one second embossing design therein; and

at least one coupling element coupling said first embossing member to said second embossing member at a discrete point.

16. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said at least one coupling element comprises a mechanical fastener.

17. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said at least one coupling element comprises a plurality of tabs integrally formed in said first embossing member and an aperture defined by said second embossing member, said plurality of tabs inserted through said aperture for engaging therewith and coupling the first embossing member to the second embossing member.

18. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said coupling element comprises a weld.

19. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said first and second embossing members are comprised of flat sheets of material.

20. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said first and second embossing members are circular in shape and wherein said at least one coupling element is located proximate the center of said first and second embossing members.

21. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said at least one coupling element comprises a plurality of coupling elements that can each independently couple said first embossing member to said second embossing member.

22. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said first and second embossing members are comprised of an at least partially transparent material.

23. The embossing apparatus of claim 15, wherein said at least one first embossing design is smaller in size than said at least one second embossing design.